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MOULD OF AMPUTATED PART

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies three non-patent publications. Copies of the publications are attached as well.

The first identified document appears at Volume 14, pages 176-178 of the JSPO Journal and relates to an apparatus and a method for plaster wrap casting by using air pressure. This reference corresponds to the Fig. 16 admitted prior art and is described in detail in paragraphs 0007-0010 of the subject application.

The other two references correspond to the admitted prior art in FIG. 17 of the subject application. This state-of-the-art is described in detail in paragraphs 0009-0013 and relates generally to an apparatus and method for plaster wrap casting on a standing state.

The Examiner will appreciate that the state-of-the-art represented by the attached non-patent publications is described clearly and in detail in the portion of the application extending from paragraphs 0006-0019 as well as FIGS. 15A-17C of the subject application. It is assumed, therefore, that the Examiner considered this state-of-the-art prior to issuing the Notice of Allowance

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on August 14, 2007. Nevertheless, Japanese and U.S. counsel for the applicants realized that these references were not formally made of record. Therefore, to ensure that the applicants are complying with their duty under 37 CFR 1.97, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to formally make these non-patent publications of record. It is believed that the previously amended claims are patentable over all of the prior art, and the Examiner is encouraged to issue another Notice of Allowance as soon as possible. Please contact applicants attorney at the number below if there are any questions or other issues that need to be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

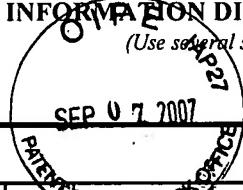


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OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

1. JSPO Journal, Vol. 14 (2), p176-178, published on April 1, 1998.
2. JSPO Journal, Vol. 16 (supplement), p114-115, published on September 1, 2000.
3. PO Academy Journal, vol. 9 (2), p109-110, published on September 2001.

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